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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A multi-section retaining/sorting/
browsing apparatus, comprising:

a base defining at least one cavity and including a first plurality of parallel slots opening to said at least one cavity;
and

a plurality of dividers arranged in connection with said base to define an object-retaining section between adjacent ones of said dividers, each of said dividers having an anchor portion arranged in said at least one cavity and an object support portion coupled to said anchor portion and extending through a respective one of said slots to provide a support for retaining objects, said anchor portion of each of said dividers having a width larger than a width of the respective one of said slots to thereby retain said anchor portion in connection with said base, said anchor portion being rotatable in said at least one cavity to enable said divider to be flipped forward and backward in a longitudinal direction.

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2. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one cavity comprises a plurality of independent cavities, each of said slots opening to a respective one of said cavities.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said anchor portions are substantially cylindrical and the width of said anchor portion is a diameter of said anchor portion.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said anchor portion of each of said dividers is formed from a resilient material which ~~provides a small degree of resiliency to enable~~ enables said anchor portion to be pressed through said slots into said at least one cavity.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said anchor portion of each of said dividers has substantially the same length as a transverse length of said at least one cavity.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one end of said anchor portion includes a projection ~~engagable~~ engageable with a recess in an inner wall of said at least one cavity.

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7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said anchor portion of each of said dividers has a length in a transverse direction larger than a length of the respective one of said slots in the transverse direction and extends at each transverse end beyond a respective transverse end of said slot.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein each of said slots has a first transverse end spaced inward from an adjacent end of said at least one cavity and a second transverse end spaced inward from an adjacent end of said at least one cavity such that a portion of said base overhangs said at least one cavity, said anchor portion including a projection at each transverse end arranged below the overhanging portion of said base.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of said dividers further includes a projection arranged at each transverse end of said anchor portion of each of said dividers to provide said anchor portion with a larger transverse length than a length of said slot.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said base includes a top wall and a bottom wall defining said at least one cavity, said slots being defined in said top wall, said

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anchor portion being retained between said bottom wall and said top wall.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein each of said slots is defined by angled surfaces of said top wall arranged to provide a smaller opening in a lower surface of said top wall than in an upper surface of said top wall for each of said slots, said angled surfaces limiting flipping of said dividers.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said base comprises a first member defining said top wall and a second member defining said bottom wall.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said second member includes opposed shoulders for supporting said anchor portions of said dividers.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said first member has a lower surface defining an opening, said second member being arranged in said opening and fixed to said first member to thereby define said at least one cavity.

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15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second plurality of slots oriented in a different direction than said first plurality of slots.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one cavity consists of a single cavity.

17. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said base is arranged to be mounted to a vertical surface.

18-23. (Canceled)

24. (New) A multi-section retaining/sorting/ browsing apparatus, comprising:

a base comprising a first member defining a top wall of said base and a second member defining a bottom wall of said base and separable from said first member, said top and bottom walls defining a single cavity therebetween, said top wall including a first plurality of parallel slots all opening to said cavity; and

a plurality of dividers arranged in connection with said base to define an object-retaining section between adjacent ones of said dividers, each of said dividers having an anchor portion arranged in said cavity and an object support portion coupled to said anchor portion and extending through a respective one of

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said slots to provide a support for retaining objects, said anchor portion being retained between said bottom wall and said top wall of said base and being rotatable in said cavity to enable said divider to be flipped forward and backward in a longitudinal direction,

said anchor portion of each of said dividers having a length in a transverse direction larger than a length of the respective one of said slots in the transverse direction and extending at each transverse end beyond a respective transverse end of said slot.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said second member of said base includes opposed shoulders for supporting said anchor portions of said dividers.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said anchor portions are substantially cylindrical and have a width larger than a width of the respective one of said slots.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein each of said slots has a first transverse end spaced inward from an adjacent end of said cavity and a second transverse end spaced inward from an adjacent end of said cavity such that a portion of said base overhangs said cavity, said anchor portion including a

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projection at each transverse end arranged below the overhanging portion of said base.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein each of said dividers further includes a projection arranged at each transverse end of said anchor portion of each of said dividers.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising a second plurality of slots oriented in a different direction than said first plurality of slots.